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## AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

### Public Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors

**AGENCY:** United States African Development Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The US African Development Foundation (USADF) will hold its quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors to discuss the agency's programs and administration. This meeting will occur at the USADF office.

**DATES:** The meeting date is Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held by teleconference. Please contact the Agency Contact listed below for conference details.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nina-Belle Mbayu, (202) 233-8808, [nbmbayu@usadf.gov](mailto:nbmbayu@usadf.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

[Docket No. RBS-BUSINESS-0042]

### Notice of Solicitation of Applications for Inviting Applications for the Rural Business Development Grant Programs for Fiscal Year 2021

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to invite applications for grants under the Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG)

Program for fiscal year (FY) 2021, subject to the availability of funding. This notice is being issued in order to allow applicants sufficient time to leverage financing, prepare and submit their applications, and give the Agency time to process applications within FY 2021. Successful applications will be selected by the Agency for funding and subsequently awarded to the extent that funding may ultimately be made available through appropriations. An announcement on the website at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/newsroom/notices-solicitation-applications-nosas> will identify the amount available in FY 2021 for RBDG applications.

All applicants are responsible for any expenses incurred in developing their applications.

**DATES:** Applications must be submitted to the USDA Rural Development State Office for the State where the Project is located. Complete applications may be submitted in paper or electronic format to the appropriate Rural Development State Office and must be received by 4:30 p.m. local time on March 31, 2021. A list of the USDA Rural Development State Offices can be found at: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/page/state-offices>.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications must be submitted to the USDA Rural Development State Office for the State where the Project is located. For Projects involving multiple states, the application must be filed in the Rural Development State Office where the Applicant is located. Applications may be submitted in paper or electronic format to the appropriate Rural Development State Office and must be received by 4:30 p.m. local time on the deadline date. Applicants are encouraged to contact their respective Rural Development State Office for an email contact to submit an electronic application prior to the submission deadline date. A list of the USDA Rural Development State Office contacts can be found at: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/page/state-offices>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Chestnut, Branch Chief, Program Management Division, at (202) 692-5233, or [david.chestnut@usda.gov](mailto:david.chestnut@usda.gov), Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, MS 3226, Room 5801-South, Washington, DC 20250-3226, or call (202) 720-1400. For further information on this notice,

please contact the USDA Rural Development State Office in the State in which the applicant's headquarters is located. A list of Rural Development State Office contacts is provided at the following link: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/page/state-offices>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agency encourages applications that will help advance equity and improve outcomes in rural America. Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that provide measurable results in helping rural communities build robust and sustainable economies through strategic investments in infrastructure, partnerships and innovation. Please note that this Notice does not award points for these strategies.

### Overview

*Solicitation Opportunity Type:* Rural Business Development Grant.

*Announcement Type:* Initial Solicitation Announcement.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:* 10.351.

*Dates:* The deadline for completed applications to be received in the USDA Rural Development State Office has been established as no later than 4:30 p.m. (local time) on March 31, 2021. A list of the USDA Rural Development State Offices can be found at: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/page/state-offices>.

### Set Aside Funding:

The Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020, DIV III, Title B—Agriculture, Rural Development designated funding for Federally-Recognized Native American Tribes, Rural Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Communities/Rural Economic Area Partnerships, and projects in Persistent Poverty areas, Native American Persistent Poverty areas and for Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD) projects in Fiscal Year 2020. Set aside funding may ultimately be made available through appropriations in FY2021 where continued emphasis is given to financial assistance for projects located in these areas. Eligible applicants for the set aside funds, if available, must demonstrate that at least 75 percent of the benefits of an approved grant will assist beneficiaries in the designated areas. The completed application deadline for these set aside funds, if available, is consistent with the application deadline date of March 31,